

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 6 please replace the fourth paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 is a representation of a possible spin outcome.

Figure 2 is a representation of another possible spin outcome demonstrating a form of the instant invention.

Figure 3 is a representation of yet one more possible spin outcome.

Figure 4 is a representation of still another possible spin outcome demonstrating the instant invention.

Figure 5 is a schematic depiction of nine pay lines on a 5x3 reel matrix.

Figure 6 is a block diagram of an apparatus for playing a casino game according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Figure 7 is a flow chart of a method for playing a game on a slot machine according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Figure 8 is a flow chart of a method for playing a game on a slot machine according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Figure 9 is a flow chart of a method for playing a casino game according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Figure 10 is a flow chart of a method for playing a casino game according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

On page 10 please replace the first paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 6 shows an ~~An~~ apparatus 600 for strategically playing a casino slot machine for a wager 603 which has a display 602 for displaying a pay table and/or rules of play information. A processor 614 is capable of displaying 612 a matrix 604 for a wager 603, the matrix presentation 604 comprising symbols 610 randomly positioned in rows 606 and ~~columns.~~ columns 608. An input means 612 such as a touch screen or one or more controls are available to the player to choose one or more ~~symbols.~~ symbols 610. The processor 614

is capable of changing the display 604 of one or more symbols 610 to be wild and awarding the player in accord with the pay table 602 and/or rules of play.

On page 10, please add the following new paragraphs after the first paragraph:

Figure 7 is a flow chart of a method 700 for playing a game on a casino slot machine according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. Method 700 is played 702 in a casino slot machine and includes: displaying 704 a matrix of symbols as a spin outcome of the slot machine; selecting 706, by a player, at least one of the displayed symbols only when at least one trigger symbol randomly appears in the spin outcome; converting 708 each at least one selected symbol to a wild symbol; and awarding 710 the player in accord with a pay table of the slot machine in response to converting the at least one selected symbol to a wild symbol in said spin outcome.

Figure 8 is a flow chart of a method 800 of playing 802 a game on a casino slot machine. The method 800 comprises: depicting 804, on the slot machine, a pay table; allowing a player to make 806 a wager thereby beginning play of the slot machine; displaying 808 a matrix of symbols as a spin outcome of the slot machine; selecting 810, by the player, one or more of the displayed symbols in accordance with information in the depicted pay table, the selecting occurring only when at least one trigger symbol randomly appears in the spin outcome; converting 812 each of the one or more selected symbols to a wild symbol; and awarding 814 the player in accord with depicted pay table in response to converting each of the one or more symbols to a wild symbol in the spin outcome.

Figure 9 is a flow chart of a method 900 of playing 902 a casino game according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. Method 900 comprises: wagering 904 by a player to play the casino game; presenting 906 the player with a spin outcome in response to the wager, the spin outcome having a plurality of symbols; displaying 907 at least one trigger symbol with the randomly selected spin outcome; qualifying 908 the player for a player wild feature only when the at least one trigger symbol is displayed with the presented spin outcome; selecting 909, by the player during the wild feature, at least one of the plurality of symbols in the spin outcome in response to the qualification of the player; converting 910 to a wild symbol each said selected at least one symbol during the wild feature; providing 912 a

pay off for play of the casino game based on the presented spin outcome, when the player is qualified for the wild feature then providing a pay off based on the presented spin outcome with each converted wild symbol.

Figure 10 is flow chart of a method 1000 for playing 1002 a casino game according to the preferred embodiment of the present invention. Method 1000 comprises: presenting 1004 a player with a spin outcome in the casino game, the spin outcome having a plurality of symbols; randomly qualifying 1006 the player for a player wild feature during play of the casino game; selecting 1008 by the player at least one of the plurality of symbols in response to qualifying the player for the wild feature; converting 1010 the selected at least one symbol to a wild symbol; and providing 1012 a pay off for the play of the casino game based on the presented spin outcome with each converted wild symbols.